

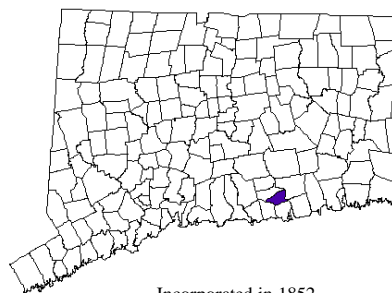
Essex

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Middlesex County
Lower River Labor Market Area
Middlesex County Economic Development
Region
Connecticut River Estuary Planning Area



Incorporated in 1852

Demographics

<i>Population</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (1990)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	5,904	143,196	3,287,116	White	5,814	134,489	2,859,353
1995	5,930	145,090	3,289,090	Black	59	6,002	274,269
2000	5,950	146,930	3,316,120	Asian Pacific	21	1,538	50,698
2005	6,050	150,060	3,364,080	Native American	5	230	6,654
				Other	5	937	96,142
'95-'05 Growth	2.0%	3.4%	2.3%	Hispanic origin (may be of any race)	60	2,881	213,116
Land Area	10.4	369.3	4,845.4				
Population per square mile	572.1	392.9	678.8	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Households	2,463	55,548	1,237,000	Persons age 25 or older		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
				High school graduate		1,092	648,366
				Some College		1,101	495,696
				Bachelors or more		1,586	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1995)</i>							
	0-4	5-14	15-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Total
Male	6%	13%	19%	27%	17%	18%	2,714
Female	6%	12%	18%	22%	16%	26%	3,216
State Total	7%	13%	27%	24%	14%	14%	3,289,090

Economics

<i>Number of Establishments (1995)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Top Ten Assessments (1994)</i>	
Manufacturing	33	302	6,068	1. Essex Meadows Inc.	\$18,519,810
Services	143	1,581	39,011	2. Turbo Products International Inc	6,249,195
Trade - Retail	69	929	20,251	3. Lee Company	4,881,750
Trade - Wholesale	25	323	9,858	4. Clark Herbert T III	4,430,040
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	28	266	8,809	5. River Properties Inc.	2,475,210
Total Establishments	367	4,445	104,409	6. Essex Savings Bank	2,332,480
Per Capita Income	\$38,232	\$28,252	\$30,303	7. Country Life Properties	2,042,490
Retail Sales (thousands)	\$35,708	\$27,231,413		8. NBM Associates	2,004,800
				9. CT Light & Power Co	1,875,373
				10. Irving, Janet A.	1,816,270
				As % of Grand List	6.8

Education

Grade organization (number of schools): PK-6, 7-12 (in Regional District 4)

1994-1995 School Year

	<i>Regional</i>
Total students	498 774
Total expenditures per pupil	\$7,309 \$9,233
Average teacher's salary	\$44,384 \$45,550
Students attending public school	85.4 % 0.9
Students in extended day kindergarten	0
Graduates attending four year college	52.1 %

Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal

	<i>Grade 4</i>	<i>Grade 6</i>	<i>Grade 8</i>
Reading	64.1	75.0	69.7
Math	83.7	68.5	60.1
Writing	50.0	55.6	73.2
<i>Average Class Size</i>			
Kindergarten	18.0	Grade 5 19.3	High School 18.3
Grade 2	16.3	Grade 7 18.6	

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Government

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1993-1994		Total Expenditures	\$8,199,248	Equalized Grand List	\$682,352,381
Total revenue	\$8,112,769	Education	\$4,986,395	Per capita	\$116,881
Tax revenue	\$7,054,180	Other	\$3,212,853	As % of state average	149.3
Non-tax revenue	\$1,058,589	Total Indebtness	\$5,409,003	Date of last revaluation	10/1/89
Intergovernmental	8.0%	As % of expenditures	66.0	Moody's Bond Rating	A1
Per capita tax	\$1,208	Per capita	\$927	Actual mill rate	11.75
As % of state average	60.6	As % of state average	48.1	Equalized mill rate	10.23
		Annual Debt Service	\$712,559	Voting districts	3
		As % of expenditures	8.7		

Housing

1994							
<i>Housing Stock</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Sales Price Distribution</i>			
Existing Units (total)	2,819	63,764	1,351,825	Number of Sales	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
% Single unit detached	75.5	72.4	62.4	Less than \$75,000	9	542	11,328
New Permits Authorized (total)	30	626	9,439	\$75,001-\$150,000	40	1,083	19,828
% Single unit detached	100.0	96.0	80.6	\$150,001-\$250,000	36	629	11,132
As % of Existing Units	1.1	1.0	0.7	\$250,001-\$400,000	19	104	4,662
				\$400,001 or more	14	48	3,137
<i>Residential Sales</i>							
Number	118	2,406	50,087				
Average price	\$222,631	\$136,537	\$171,382				
Median price	\$180,000	\$125,000	\$126,000				

Labor Force

1994	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	3,240	80,256	1,726,000	Commuters into Town from		Town Residents Commuting to	
Employed	3,103	75,966	1,630,000	1. Essex	842	Essex	842
Unemployed	137	4,290	96,000	2. Old Saybrook	326	Old Saybrook	383
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	5.3%	5.6%	3. Chester	253	Westbrook	133
				4. Deep River	221	Hartford	131
Total Employment	3,270	61,810	1,538,980	5. Clinton	192	Clinton	111
Manufacturing	620	12,280	270,250	6. Westbrook	190	Deep River	92
				7. Haddam	115	Middletown	90
				8. Old Lyme	113	Waterford	76
				9. East Lyme	104	Chester	65
				10. Middletown	103	New London	63

Quality of Life

1995	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Library (1993-1994)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Residential Utilities (1995)</i>		
Miles to State Capitol	35		Total books and serials	22,834	Electric Company		
Visitor Attractions	5	488	Weekly hours open	40	CT Light and Power		
Banks	7	1,188	Circulation per capita	6.9	Typical basic rate		
Lodging	2	467	Crime rate (1994)		\$9.00 + 10.599c/kwh		
Number of units	39	26,540	per 1,000 residents	19.7	Typical heat rate		
Day Care Facilities	5	1,669	Hospitals in county (1995)	1	\$10.50 + 9.648c/kwh		
			Total beds	275	Gas Company		
					No Natural Gas Service		
					Typical rate		
							N/A